

State of Hawaii
Department of Health
STATE NEUROTRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD
October 23, 2003

Present: Joyce Arizumi, Lyna Burian, Angie Enoka, Beth Freitas, Maryellen Markley, Ian Mattoch, Glenn Morgan, Scott Sagum, Karen Seth, Gayle Taira, Milton Takara, John Tomoso, Stella Wong

Absent: Fred Fortin, Tony Hunstiger, Dennis Okada, Peter Rossi, Neil Shim, Curtis Tom, Gail Tominaga

DoH Staff: Aaron Sugino, Reynilda Cortez, Aaron Arakaki, Curtis Inouye, Lester Matsumoto, Kenneth Fukuhara, Dan Yamada

Others: Hal Kahikina, STBIAB, Heather Egermeyer, Louis Erteschik

- I. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Maryellen Markley at 12:30 p.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes – Minutes reviewed and approved without changes.
- III. Review of Agenda – Agenda reviewed without changes.
- IV. Business
 - a. Board Education – Stella Wong, Board Member, Executive Director of the Catholic Charities Elderly Services
Catholic Charities was established in 1944. Per Stella, adoption services were the primary focus at that time. Catholic Charities has since evolved to providing a wide array of services: family services, community immigration services (integration to the islands, job training, citizenship training), specialized foster care for adults (Oahu and Big Island), Healthy Start, developmental disabilities programs, Mary Jane program (teen pregnancy) and elderly services.

The elderly services program provides assistance to the elderly to support them living in the community. Some of the services provided are: chore, housekeeping, transportation, assistance to obtain/access housing, money

management and case management. The Catholic Charities also operates the Lanakila Seniors Center where seniors can participate in a number of activities. Group homes for seniors who are independent are also operated by the Catholic Charities.

Per Stella, there are case managers also located at six senior housing complexes to assist residents in accessing and obtaining needed supports and services. Lastly, Stella shared an excellent video of the Catholic Charities' elderly services and supports they provide.

Question was raised as whether or not the money management program is offered on the neighbor islands. Per Stella, they are looking to implement the program on Maui soon (4-6 months). With regard to a question raised on eligibility, Stella indicated that individuals requesting services are required to be 60 years old or older; however, for case management and money management programs, there is no minimum age requirement. Last question raised was in regard to services to the elderly with traumatic brain injury (TBI). According to Stella, although they do serve people with TBI, Catholic Charities does not base their provision of services on one's injury or diagnoses; basically, if individuals require services, they can receive it. If anyone has further questions regarding the Catholic Charities Elderly Services, please call Stella at 595-0077.

V. Old Business

a. CAN DO!! Conference

Members were informed of the logistics for the conference on October 24 & 25, 2003. Speaker reminded to expect a large audience as more than 500 people have registered thus far.

b. Neighbor Island Network Development – deferred to next meeting.

c. Subcommittee Updates

1. Legislative

Subcommittee Chair Maryellen Markley provided the Board with a handout on six possible legislative priorities that the Board may want to consider for the upcoming 2004 session:

- a. A resolution to explore privatizing the Case Management system in Hawaii.
- b. A bill to institute case management for TBI survivors similar to the services now available for developmental disabilities clients.
- c. A bill similar to the Texas House Bill 1676 (the Brain Injury Insurance Bill) – to mandate insurance companies to cover/pay for neuropsychological/cognitive

rehabilitation services for neurotrauma survivors who need it.

- d. Bill banning Ephedra in Hawaii.
- e. Bill specifying that Neurotrauma survivors who are eligible for institutional care should not be asked/required to sign "deferral of care" waivers.
- f. Bill specifying that Neurotrauma Special Fund monies will not be used to pay DOH Developmental Disabilities staff salaries other than for individual case management.

After much discussion on the topics above, the Board decided to endorse (d) Bill banning Ephedra in Hawaii – legislation that will ban the sale of products containing ephedra similar to bills passed in Illinois and California. It was decided that the Board would draft this bill. With regard to the other topics, the Board decided that more discussion is needed.

2. Education

Per Karen Seth, subcommittee members will be having a panel presentation at the CAN DO conference.

3. Special Fund

Subcommittee Chair Ian Mattoch reported the net balance of the special fund is \$291,934. The gross collections since January, 2003 is approximately \$350,000. The difference of approximately \$57,800 has been applied to DOH salaries.

4. Registry

Maryellen Markley reported that she and Tom Harding (State TBI Board member and member of the joint Registry subcommittee) met with Susan Forbes of the Hawaii Health Information Corporation (HHIC). Maryellen was pleased to announce that the HHIC currently collects a wealth of information that could be included in a neurotrauma registry. Handout attached. Per Maryellen, HHIC is also able to analyze and report on the data.

It is first important for the Board to identify the type of data needing to be collected and what it will be used for. Per Maryellen, the data will be relatively "cheap" to obtain. Data that HHIC collects are from emergency room admissions and treatment(s) rendered; however, hospital admission treatments are not collected/reported.

The HHIC database does not have individuals' names, addresses and phone numbers. Case numbers are available but will require effort to match them up with the patients. Prior to that, though,

consents will need to be obtained. Maryellen mentioned that it might be possible for the DOH to obtain personal information on individuals given the existing consent forms that hospitals currently utilize or it may take some amendments to the forms to allow information to be share with the DOH.

It was moved and seconded that the Registry Committee and DOH work on a process to obtain data from the HHIC. Priorities for the Committee and DOH to address first are defining data needs and costs associated with obtaining information to start a registry.

d. STBIAB Update

STBIAB board member Hal Kahikina reported that a quorum was present at the last board meeting on 10/17/03. A presentation was done by the Hawaii Disability Rights Center and their involvement with individuals with TBI.

e. DOH Update

There were 134 "hits" to the neurotrauma website up until September 15, 2003. Due to a malfunction in the system that collects the number of "hits" to the website, data for the rest of the month was lost. The Neurotrauma Helpline received 20 calls during the month of September. Board members reminded that should anyone request the need for assistance to please refer them to the Helpline.

VI. Announcements

1. Dr. Janis Ruoff, George Washington University, will be on Oahu during the week of October 27 to 31, 2003. A statewide videoconference meeting is scheduled for October 31, 2003, 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for board members to ask questions regarding the long-distance learning project on acquired brain injury and provide Dr. Ruoff with information on what some of the needs are in Hawaii pertaining to brain injury.
2. Maryellen Markley – the All Star Sports and Therapy has opened their Hyperbaric Medicine Center. It will primarily be use for wound care, ulcers and post-stroke/CVA patients. Service provided if covered by insurance but exceptions may be made for low-income individuals.
3. Hal Kahikina – the Brain Injury Association-HI (BIA-HI) has a new Speakers' Bureau coordinator. Her name is Keahi. The Speakers' Bureau is looking for organizations to provide speaking engagements on brain injury.
4. Beth Freitas – Think First will be participating in a half-time show at the Stan Sheriff Center on November 8, 2003.

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VII. Next Meeting

Date: December 5, 2003

Time: 1:30 – 4:00 pm

Place: Capitol Center and Kapolei VCC and neighbor island sites

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Recorded by: Aaron Arakaki